



ORANGE GOP

Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

OC GOP Monthly Meeting

Aug 13, 7 PM, Zoom meeting
Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650
Passcode: 184078

RNC Convention

August 24-27, Cancelled

OC GOP Monthly Meeting

Sep 10, OC GOP Headquarters

BBQ, Bluegrass & the Bill of Rights

Oct 3, Exchange Club Park
See website for tickets or call
Virginia Ferguson at
919-618-6430 or Mike Kuhn at
919-933-4578.

Get Involved!

The Orange County GOP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors who are interested in smaller and more effective government that follows conservative principles.

Your help will make a difference!

Please consider ways you can assist: organizing events, making phone calls, writing articles, working at the polls, attending county commission meetings, and more! To volunteer, visit orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

To join our email list, visit our website <https://orange.nc.gop> and sign up!

Questions? Email us at Chairmanocncgop@centurylink.net

OC GOP Headquarters:
125 Boone Square Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278
(919) 245-1777



Please join us for our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 13 at 7 PM. This will be a virtual Zoom meeting. **Meeting ID:** 897 3577 3650

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New Trump merchandise is in! Stop by the office today and pick up some yard signs, a t-shirt, flag, or hat to show your support for President Trump! All purchases help support our grassroots efforts in Orange County.



Chair's Corner

We are in the homestretch (just under 90 days) of campaigning to win the re-election of President Trump, to elect Dan Forest for Governor, and win races for our NC Supreme Court candidates and NC Court of Appeals Judges.

We are taking a proactive **4-pronged approach** to get out the Orange County vote:

1. Canvassing neighborhoods using the Advantage Mobile app, which gives addresses of registered Republicans and unaffiliated voters, on Saturdays from 9 AM to 12 noon on **August 8, 15 and 29th**. If you are interested in canvassing with us, please sign up on the Volunteer page of our website. **Canvass participants on Aug 15 are invited with their families for a pool party and hot dogs afterward.** RSVP to Kathi at 305-801-8793.
2. Phone calling with Red Dialer app. Contact John Gaither at 336-314-1610.
3. Hosting get-togethers with others. Call Justice Payton at 919-709-8500.
4. Monthly OCGOP Zoom meetings and BBQ, Blue Grass, & the Bill of Rights event on Oct 3. Call Virginia Ferguson for tickets at 919-618-6430.

There is a **high cost** in not helping to get the Conservative vote out on November 3, 2020. Here are a few of the pressing issues we face:

1. Continuation of economic prosperity
2. Breakdown of law and order
3. Courts forming into political tools
4. The corruption of national institutions (e.g., the FBI)
5. Mass immigration, which is a threat to US workers, the environment and healthcare system (15-20 million illegals becoming legal citizens)
6. Ensuring equality before the law for INDIVIDUALS
7. Protection of election integrity
8. Education through school choice
9. Other: strong national defense, fair trade, and government accountability

Please go to the OCGOP website and become a volunteer serving in a capacity of your choosing. We need you! Thank you for your support.

- *Waddy Davis, Colonel (Ret.) US Army Special Forces
Chairman, Orange County Republican Party*

OC BOCC Update by Riley Ruske

By passing the taxpayer busting budget in June, the Commissioners maintained the position of Orange County as having **the highest property**

and sales taxes in the state. The new budget includes increased spending and borrowing and the promise of increases in the property tax in coming years. The board then entered their summer break with two exceptions: a July 7 Listening Session regarding current race relations issues and a July 14 Special Session to approve spending \$4.5 million for school computers.

The next scheduled Business Meetings with the public are September 1 and 15. Chair Rich has committed to enter the **Pledge of Allegiance Petition** for discussion and vote at one of those meetings. *Please show your support for the Pledge of Allegiance by attending the meeting or contacting the Commissioners.*

Board of Elections News

Some people are publicly advocating for the State Board of Elections (SBOE) to require local boards of election to provide **drop-off boxes for absentee ballots** during early voting. Katelyn Love, General Counsel for the SBOE, sent the following information.

The law permits absentee ballots to be dropped off in person at an early voting site or at the county board of elections office. They can also be returned by mail or delivery service. The NC Administrative Code requires that a log be kept to document who dropped off the ballot, when it was dropped off, etc.

There is a current lawsuit against the State Board that seeks to require the placement of drop boxes – the judge has not yet ruled on that case.

The current law allows local BOEs to place drop off boxes for absentee ballots during early voting; but if they do, there must be an attendee recording the name of the person that is delivering the ballot and the time it was delivered. Any misrepresentation thereof is a Class I Felony.

The New Threat to National Security: COVID-19 by Seamus O'Neill

Our COVID-19 experience of the past several months is telling the story of a new and very efficient biological weapon, namely, an organism of low cost designed to decimate an opponent's economy without appearing to be a weapon of mass destruction.

Our ability to defend ourselves and project power around the world relies in large measure on a strong economy, without which we become Europe, incapable of defending itself without significant assistance from the US. The Congressional Research Service suggests a level of damage to our economy which rivals any negative economic event since the Great Depression. While I fully expect the US to recover from COVID-19, a second and surely a third virus experience like this would leave us and the world exposed to China aggression on an unprecedented level. Act on the national security threat, at the same time we address the health and economic threats. Make no mistake – China is our enemy!

Absentee Voting in the Era of COVID-19

Are you concerned about in-person voting due to Coronavirus? If so, you can still make your voice heard by voting absentee this year. Orange County offers **absentee voting by mail** to all registered Orange County voters:

- Voters must first submit a request using the State Absentee Ballot Request form. The form is available online at our website and may be submitted in person or by mail, email, or fax.
- All civilian Absentee Ballot Request forms must be signed by the voter or a near relative.
- The deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is Tuesday, Oct. 27, but why wait? Request yours today!
- Beginning Friday, Sep. 4, the Board of Elections will begin mailing ballots to those who have valid requests.
- After receiving a ballot, a by-mail absentee voter must have 1 witness in their presence as they complete their ballot and application envelope. Ballots will not be counted if returned without completed witness information.
- Completed by-mail ballots must either be returned in person to the Board of Elections office by 5 p.m. Election Day (Nov. 3) or must be postmarked by Election Day and received in the Elections office by Friday, Nov. 6.

If you plan to vote by mail, beat the rush and request your absentee ballot today. Remember, **every vote counts!**



Orange County Needs You! Orange County is expecting a short supply of Republican Election Judges for the November election. Please consider serving your county (and your country) by agreeing to be nominated for this important task. You'll be paid for your time, and training will be provided if you are selected. If you are interested or have questions, please call Bob Randall at 919.732.4389 or 919.638.5418 or you may call the Orange County Board of Elections at 919.245.2350.

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